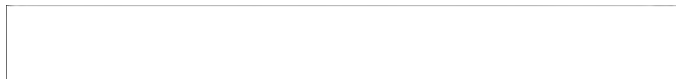




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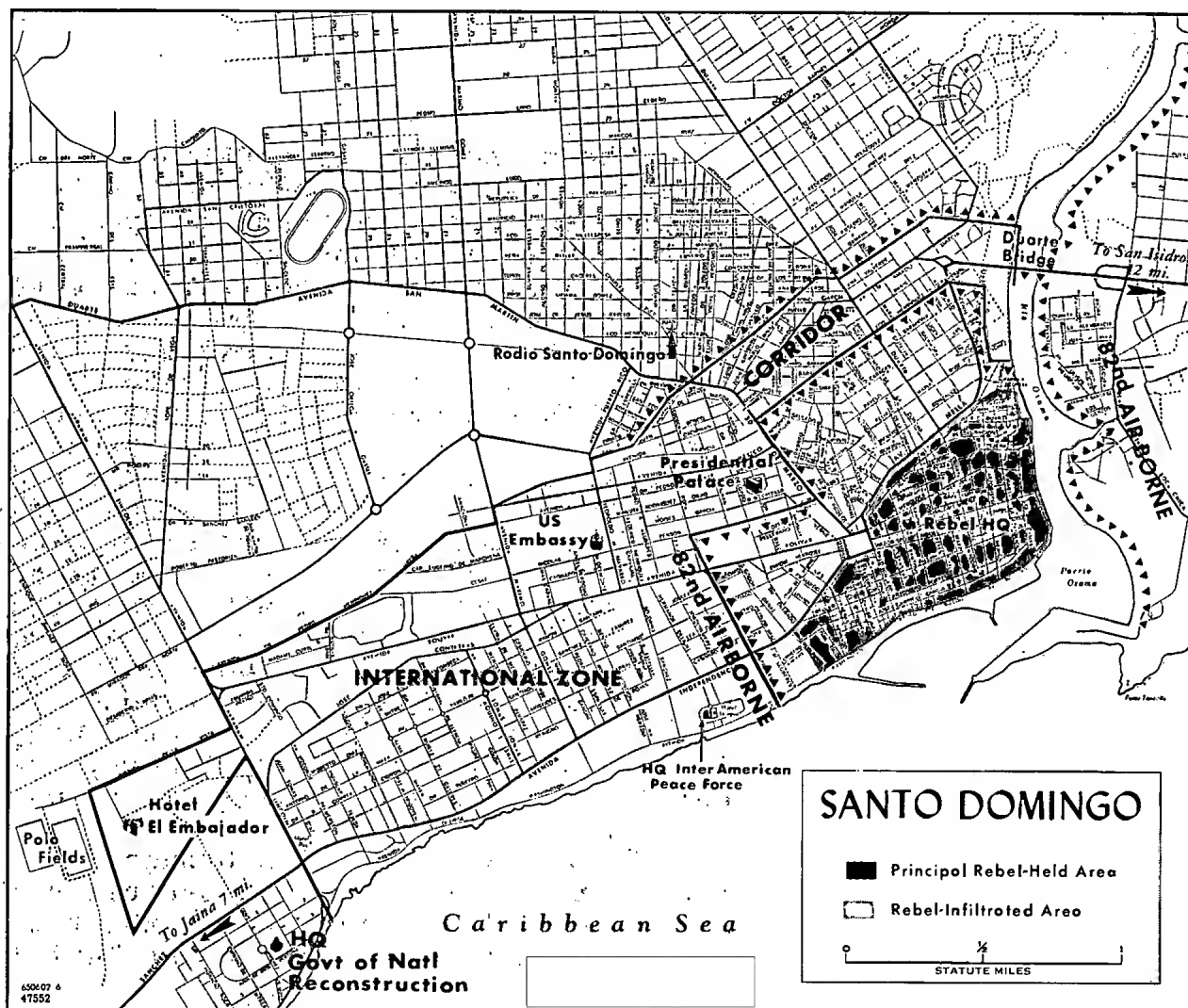


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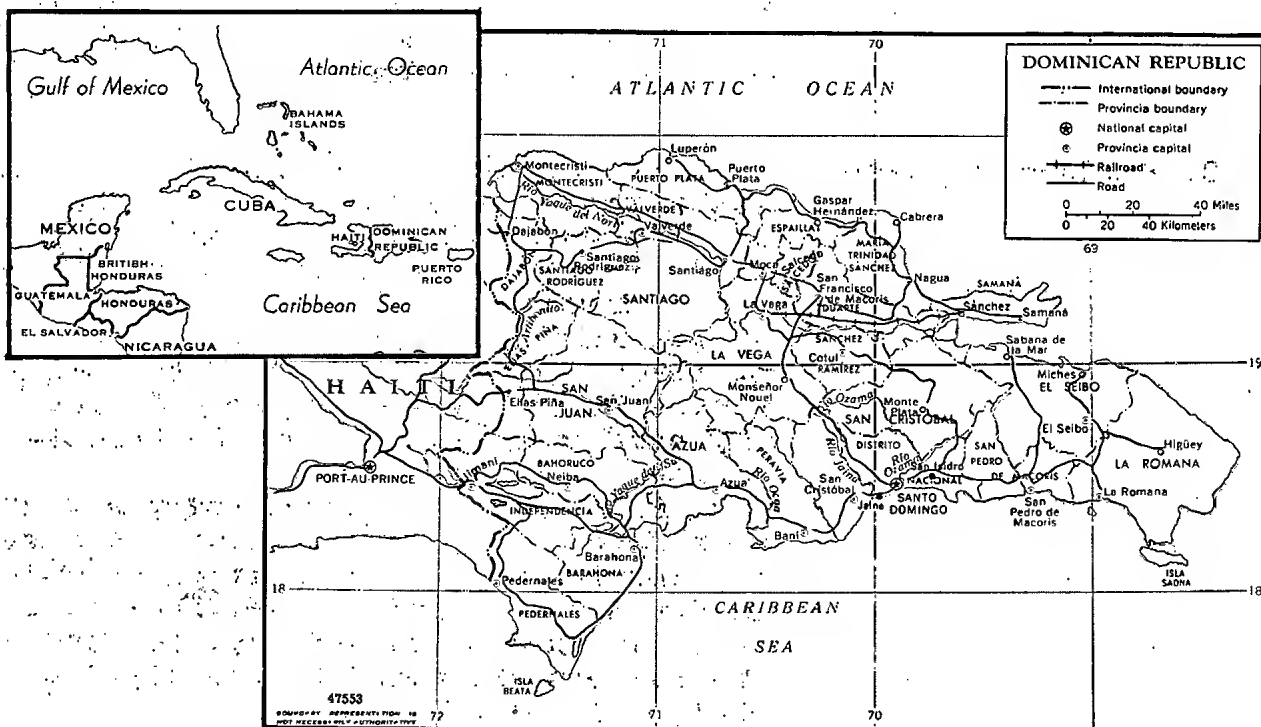
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1. Vietnam

The press reports that the cabinet crisis in Saigon has been settled by compromise. Premier Quat is reported to have gotten his way on the dismissal of the two ministers who refused to resign, but Chief of State Suu seems to have won his point that Quat may not do this sort of thing in the future.

If this turns out to be the accurate picture, nothing much has been accomplished, and the issues and the deep religio-political cleavages which led to the crisis have simply been swept under the carpet.

Viet Cong guerrillas brought off three more ambushes in the central highlands yesterday. This raises the total of such operations to 16 in the last 18 days.

US Marines early today repulsed two attacks by a Viet Cong force of about 50 men against two highway bridges six miles from Da Nang air base.

2. Dominican Republic

The committee of three from the Organization of American States is getting down to work, but the outlook for an early political settlement is dim.

Ambassador Bennett terms the range of possible solutions "discouragingly narrow." He says that moderate Dominicans seem to believe that a solution may have to be imposed by the Organization of American States.

The military picture today was undisturbed.

3. Bolivia

On the surface, co-presidents Barrientos and Ovando appear to be working together in reasonable harmony for the moment, but this probably is not destined to last long.

They told Ambassador Henderson on Wednesday evening that they believe continuation of the military junta is the only alternative for the time being.

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4. Colombia

President Valencia's political support may be crumbling.

Yesterday, he suffered a serious defeat in Congress in the first test of support for the measures he has taken, and proposes to take, under the state of siege. The House voted overwhelmingly to have the Supreme Court rule on the constitutionality of Valencia's decree regarding the use of military courts martial. If the Senate agrees, the decree may be nullified.

The voting pattern yesterday suggests that the same fate may very likely overtake Valencia's contemplated decrees on monetary exchange and other important reforms. The US Embassy in Bogota warns that if this happens, the reaction might be so severe as to bring down Valencia or even the present constitutional system.

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5. France

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7. Greece

The national political situation is becoming increasingly rancorous, even by Athenian standards, and is evolving in a manner beneficial to the extreme left. The latest scandal involves the issue of army officers in politics, and has drawn in King Constantine.

Prime Minister Papandreou is also warring politically by means of a parliamentary move to blacken the reputation of his predecessor, Karamanlis.

The US Embassy in Athens points out that as conservative elements blacken each other in public, popular respect for the Communist-front United Democratic Left, already the third largest party in the country, is undoubtedly rising.

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